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SUBJ: PERMREPS LUNCH DISCUSSION, APR 23 PART I

SUMMARY: PERMREPS AT LUNCH APR 23 HAD A FULL AND THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION ON CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE FIFTEEN, THE NINE, THE US, AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. THIS DISCUSSION IS REPORTED IN PART II (SEPTTEL. THIS TEL- EGRAM REPORTS PERMREPS LUNCH DISCUSSIONS ON THE OTTAWA NAC MINISTERIAL, BURDEN-SHARING AND OFFSET, THE APAG, THE 1954 BALKAN ALLIANCE, FOREIGN NAVAL VISITS TO YUGOSLAVIA, NATO FORCE GOALS, NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATIONS AND TANK MAIN ARM- AMENTS EVALUATION. END SUMMARY

1. OTTAWA NAC MINISTERIAL: THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 18 AND 19; DENMARK HAVING LIFTED THE ONLY REMAINING RESERVATION.

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2. (NOTE: DEPUTY SYG PANSA ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SPOKE FOR SYG LUNS WHO WAS PRESENT BUT SUFFERING FROM A COLD.) PANSA SAID LUNS ANDMANY OTHERS WERE STRUCK BY THE POOR IMPRESSION LEFT BY NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF THE APR 4 NATO 25TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES

IN BRUSSELS. AS A RESULT, LUNS FEELS THAT POSSIBLY THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL SHOULD BE DEVELOPED INTO A CELEBRATION OF THE 25 ANNIVERSARY AT A "POLITICAL LEVEL" HE ASKED FOR VIEWS OF OTHERS ON THIS MATTER.

3. ERALP (TURKEY) SUGGESTED THAT AFTER THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL, THE COUNCIL MIGHT GO TO WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK FOR SOME CEREMONY THAT WOULD FOCUS US ATTENTION ON THE ANNIVERSARY. LUNS, WITH OTHERS AGREEING, SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A PUBLIC SESSION OR CEREMONY IN OTTAWA TO WHICH FORMER SECRETARIES GENERAL, AND SIMILAR DIGNITARIES MIGHT BE INVITED. MENZIES (CANADA) SUGGESTED A POSSIBLE DINNER HOSTED BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA. OTHER SUGGESTION INCLUDED REVIEWING EVENTS OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND INVESTIGATING IN WHAT WAYS THE MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE MIGHT REFLECT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY. PANSA SAID LUNS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS MANY IDEAS AS POSSIBLE. THE ACTION OF PERMREPS WAS UNIFORMLY POSITIVE.

4. BURDENSARING AND OFFSET: DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) RAISED THE SUBJECT OF BURDENSARING, EXPRESSING DESIRE TO HAVE A REPORT FROM THE FRG ON THE OFFSET AGREEMENT. DE STAERCKE SAID THE US HAD PRESSED THE ALLIES ON BURDENSARING AND THE ALLIES DID NOT WANT TO BE LEFT IN A POSITION FAILING TO RESPOND. DRAPF (FRG) REPORTED THAT THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT WAS ESSENTIALLY COMPLETED AND THAT IT SHOULD BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NEED TO BRIEF THE US CONGRESS FIRST. KRAPF SAID IT WAS A TWO-YEAR BILATERAL FOR \$2.22 BILLION (AT A CONVERSION OF \$1 EQUALS 2.669 DM). HE NOTED THAT AMOUNTS TO \$1.11 BILLION PER YEAR.

5. DE STAERCKE WANTED TO KNOW THE EARLIEST TIME A COUNCIL MEETING COULD BE HELD TO LAY OUT DETAILS OF THIS INFORMATION SO THAT THE ALLIES WOULD KNOW WHAT THE GAP IS AND WHAT CAN BE DONE. THE DEAN SAID HE IS VERY ANXIOUS TO PRESENT NEW PROPOSALS.

6. I POINTED OUT THE FOLLOWING: A) THE SENSITIVITY OF THE INFORMATION
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MATION KRAPF HAD PRESENTED, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF A TIMELY CONSULTATION PROCESS WITH THE US CONGRESS; AND B) THAT THE US STRONGLY FAVORS AN EARLY COUNCIL MEETING ON BURDENSARING JUST AS SOON AS WE ARE IN A POSITION TO IDENTIFY THE MEANING OF ALL THE VARIOUS FIGURES AND CATEGORIES INVOLVED. THE PERMREPS AGREED TO TRY FOR SUCH A MEETING ON FRI., MAY 3, SUBJECT TO THESE CONSIDERATIONS.

7. APAG: I RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE APAG MEETING INDICATING THERE WAS A STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT LORD AND HULAND WOULD BE REPRESENTING THE US. I SAID I DIDN'T YET KNOW WHO THE THIRD US MEMBER WOULD BE. KRAPF SAID THEY WERE SENDING THEIR HEAD OF POLICY PLANNING. CANADA WILL SEND THEIR AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW. CATALANO

(ITALY) SAID THEIR DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR GOES EVERY YEAR.

8. THE 1954 BALKAN ALLIANCE: ERALP (TURKEY) AGAIN RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE 1954 GRECO-TURKISH-YUGOSLAV TREATY OF BLOD. HE AGREED WITH THE GREEK AMB THAT IT IS "SORT OF IN THE REFRIGERATOR", BUT SAID THAT IT IS NEVERTHELESS STILL TECHNICALLY IN EXISTENCE. THE TERMS SPECIFY THAT UNLESS RENOUNCED IT IS AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED FOR ONE YEAR, EVERY YEAR. (ERALP CITED KEESING'S CONTEMPORARY ARCHIVES FOR AUG 14-21, 1954, PAGE 13725.)

9. HE SAID HE WAS THINKING OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT YUGOSLAVIA COULD RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE BALKAN ALLIANCE IF IT WERE ATTACKED OR THREATENED BY THE SOVIET UNION UPON THE DEATH OF TITO. IN SUCH CONTINGENCY, ERALP FEELS THAT ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE GREEK POSITION MIGHT BE, TURKEY COULD CONCLUDE THAT THE TREATY CONTINUES IN FORCE. HE SAID THAT HE RAISED THIS MATTER BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ALLIANCE. IF THE TREATY WERE INVOKED BY YUGOSLAVIA AND TURKEY BECAME INVOLVED, THAT WOULD BE A NATO MATTER, HE SAID. COMMENT: MISSION NOTES EMBASSY BELGRADE REPORT THAT YUGOSLAWS CONSIDER PACT A DEAD LETTER (BELGRADE 1822).

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10. YUGOSLAV POLICY ON VISITING FOREIGN WARSHIPS. DE ROSE (FRANCE) MENTIONED YUGOSLAV REVISIONS IN THIER POLICY RE VISITS OF FOREIGN WARSHIPS. HE SAID THE OLD RULE HAD BEEN THAT THERE COULD ONLY BE THREE VISITS A YEAR AND NO REPAIRS. HE UNDERSTAND CHANGES WILL INCREASE THIS TO FIVE SHIPS A YEAR AND THAT REPAIRS WILL NOW BE PERMITTED. SVART (DENMARK)

SAID HE UNDERSTOOD YUGOSLAVIA WAS ALSO CHANGING THEIR NO-NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR THESE VISITS. CATALANO SAID ITALY HAD THE SAME INFORMATION AND THEY UNDERSTOOD THE PURPOSE OF THESE MOVES WAS TO FACILITATE A HIGHER FREQUENCY OF SOVIET WARSHIP VISITS TO YUGOSLAVIA.

11. NATO FORCE GOALS: AS FIRST STEP IN AN EFFORT TO GET PERMREPS MORE INVOLVED IN THE APPROVAL OF NATO FORCE GOALS, PANSA SAID LUNS WILL MAKE A STATEMENT AT THE APR 24 DPC URGING PERMREPS TO APPLY THEIR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THE SUBSTANCE AND NOT MERELY THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT FORCE GOALS REPORT.

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12. NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) RESOLUTIONS: I RAISED THIS SUBJECT SAYING THE US CONGRESS IS INTERESTED IN THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NAA AND I CITED EXAMPLES OF KEY MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE WHOM I KNOW HAVE PERSONAL INTEREST IN THEM. I SAID I HOPED THE FORTHCOMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THESE NAA RESOLUTIONS WOULD PROPERLY REFLECT THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL TO THE INTEREST OF ALLIANCE PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO ARE SO IMPORTANT TO OUR GOVERNMENTS' PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE.

13. TANK MAIN ARMAMENTS EVALUATION: MENZIES ASKED IF ANYONE HAD INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT HE CALLED "THIS THREE OR FOUR POWER AGREEMENT ON THE STANDARDIZED TANK." I SAID THAT THE TANK MAIN ARMAMENTSEVALUATION ITEMS WAS ON THE APR 24-26 CNAD AGENDA (ITEM III B 1). COMMENT: MENZIES WAS REFERRING TO JOHN FINNEY ARTICLE DATED APR 17, NY TIMES NEWS SERVICE. RUMSFELD

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